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Dear Ms McKeivitt

You asked the following question in the Assembly, which was due for answer on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012:

**AQW 11470 / 11-15** - *To ask the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment how many businesses in the South Down area have benefited from financial support from Invest NI in each of the last three years.*

In my response I supplied information for 2009-10 and 2011-12, and indicated that I would make the information for 2011-12 available to you following a data verification exercise.

This exercise has now been completed and the outstanding information is attached at Annex A. I will arrange for a copy of this letter to be sent to the Speaker's Office and will also place a copy in the Assembly.

Yours sincerely

**ARLENE FOSTER MLA**  
Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

## **Annex A**

### **Answer:**

The table below details the number of businesses that received an offer of assistance from Invest NI in the South Down Parliamentary Constituency Area (PCA) for the 2009-10 to 2011-12 financial years.

#### **Number of Businesses Offered Assistance by Invest NI in South Down PCA (2009-10 to 2011-12)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>No of Businesses</b>
2009-10	109
2010-11	86
2011-12	139

#### **Notes**

*1. As figures relate to the number of businesses within each individual year, they should not be totalled over the two year period. This could result in a business being counted twice.*